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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TOSHIHISA TOMIE : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/550,413 :  
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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :  
GENERATING LASER PRODUCED  
PLASMA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.